GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5064
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ACCIDENT AT KANHANPUR LEVEL CROSSING
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of unmanned level crossings under Nagpur division of South Central Railways;

(b) whether the Government is aware of the accident occurred at Kanhanpur level crossing recently;

(c) the details thereof including loss of life and property and compensation paid to the victims/their families;

(d) the action being taken or proposed to be taken for manning of the said level crossing; and

(e) the details of un-manned level crossings proposed to be manned during 2005-06 alongwith their locations, State/Zone-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Nagpur Division is not a part of South Central Railway. However, in Nagpur Division of South East Central Railway where accident at Kanhanpur Railway crossing had taken place, there are 576 unmanned level crossings.

(b)&(c) Yes, Sir. There was an unmanned level crossing accident between Kanhan-Ramtek Stations of Nagpur − Ramtek section of South East Central Railway's Nagpur Division on 3.2.2005. In this unfortunate accident, 58 persons lost their lives and 14 suffered grievous injuries. The damage to Railway property in this accident was Rs. 5,000/-. Humanitarian aid of Rs.1 lakh each for the dead and Rs.25,000/- each for the injured has been sanctioned.

(d) Manning of the unmanned level crossing where accident had taken place has been sanctioned on out of turn basis.

(e) Manning of the unmanned level crossing is planned Zone- wise and not location-wise/State-wise. A total number of 255 unmanned level crossings on all India basis is targeted for manning during 2005-06. Zone-wise distribution of 255 unmanned level crossings is as under: -

Railway	Target
Central	6
Eastern	0
East Central	4
East Coast	15
Northern	50
North Central	4
North Eastern	20
Northeast Frontier	13
North Western	15
Southern	34
South Central	33
South Eastern	7
South East Central	15
South Western	15
Western	20
West Central	4
Total	255